

June 6, 2023 Agenda

June Council Meeting

Call To Order

Roll Call

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for the Council Prayer.

Copies of the minutes of the previous council meetings have been given to borough council members and Mayor Tomko, are there any errors or corrections? If not, they stand approved.

Public Comment

(From an email dated 5/23/23)

Mr. Price,

My name is Norm Diehl and I'm a member of the Saint Clair Little League board. This email is in regards to the progress of a Grant we obtained for the Saint Clair Little league in the early months of 2020. With our 2023 season coming to a close, we fear losing the grant if it is not used in time. Is the borough actively taking bids? What is the time frame of projects to be started/completed? I'm requesting this email be put on the agenda for the meeting in June.

Thank you,
Norm Diehl

Mayor's Report

1. Many thanks are extended to Street Department Superintendent Kevin Dempsey and the street department work force for the outstanding work done to prepare the Borough Cemetery for Memorial Day.
2. As vacation time is now upon us, residents are reminded that they may obtain a Vacation Form from the St. Clair Police Department. Once the form is filled out and returned to the police department, the police could increase patrols and contact the residents should there be an emergency with their property. Forms may be obtained by calling 570-429-2240 or 570-429-3050 as well as on the St. Clair Borough website.
3. With the Fourth of July holiday coming in less than one month and weather conditions this Spring being exceptionally dry, I would recommend that residents refrain from employing fireworks to celebrate the holiday as dry conditions and the use of fireworks could cause serious fires which would endanger people and property.

If the weather conditions improve, residents are reminded that there are legal restrictions on the use of fireworks that have been enacted by the PA General Assembly.

Some of these restrictions are:

1. fireworks cannot be directed at another person.
2. fireworks cannot be discharged from or directed at a building or vehicle.
3. fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet of a building or vehicle regardless if the building or vehicle is owned by the user of consumer fireworks.
4. fireworks cannot be discharged while the person is under the use of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.

Historical Note

According to oral history, the Fourth of July was celebrated during the last half of the 19th century and the early years of the 20th century in our borough by parades and celebratory gatherings at which patriotic ovations were delivered by local dignitaries.

Solicitor's Report

- Discuss adopting the four ordinances.
- Discuss conservatorship update.
- Discuss the redevelopment authority, discuss parcel of land near the John Siney Park acquiring for grant purposes.
- Approve settlement for Sergeant Leskin.
- Needs an executive session to discuss personnel issues and pending litigation matters.

Engineer's Report

- Potential Grant Opportunities – Council may wish to consider any of the open grant opportunities.
 - Transportation/Infrastructure, CFA MTF – Deadline is July 31, 2023.
- County HBR Project – Council may wish to consider potential options if rebid comes in too high (cost sharing, scope reduction)

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report

Electric Light Department

Treasurer's Report

Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to May 15, 2023

Real Estate -	\$1,359.68
Per Capita -	\$70.00
Occupational -	\$18.90
TOTAL -	\$1,448.58

Submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

- Discuss providing retired police vehicle to the Saint Clair Fire Department for use by the chiefs as a Command/Duty Officer vehicle.

- Discuss service for the Alert Fire Company's Tower Ladder Truck.

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from PennDOT stating Second Street is on the Act 89 resurfacing list. They are currently scheduled for the 2027 construction season, pending available funds.

First Primitive Methodist church submitted a letter through Schuylkill Community Action requesting to hold a food pantry the third Wednesday of the even months, beginning in August between the hours of 10:30-11:30. If possible, they would like to stop traffic from entering Mill St. from Hancock St. on pantry morning from 8-9am to noon.

They are open to suggestions on designing the pantry in the safest way for volunteers, drivers, walkers, neighbors etc. They are happy to discuss the details with Saint Clair officials anytime at 570-294-2745. Signed by Jason Schally, Coordinator.

Old Business

Accept a motion to adopt the ordinance to vacate a portion of Walnut Street.

Accept a motion to adopt the ordinance to amend the Police Pension Plan to allow for the purchase of credit for military service under certain conditions.

Accept a motion to adopt the ordinance authorizing the execution of a Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement between the Borough and Service Electric Cablevision Inc.

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Accept a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Sergeant Leskin and the Borough of St. Clair.

Accept a motion to hire the following lifeguards and concession stand employees for the St. Clair Community Pool for the 2023 swim season.

Lifeguards:

Bailey Thomas
Claudia Mancini
Hannah Zimerofsky
Jada Gudinas
Taleah Ruben
Natale Estremera
Elizabeth Davis
Caitlyn Peleschak
Aliana Bauers
Dominic Alvarez

Concession Stand:

Chloe Motto
Felix Blasser
Lauren Ditzler
Elizabeth Davis
Elizabeth Ortiz
Emma Bowers
Thomas Linkhorst
Andriana Romeu
Brooklyn Reinert

New Business

Accept a motion to appoint the Borough Secretary and Administrative Assistant to represent the borough in updating the Schuylkill County Mitigation Plan.

Accept a motion to authorize Borough Secretary to attend the PMEA Conference September 6-8, 2023, which includes lodging and mileage.

Accept a motion to award the technical assistance for the HOME and CDBG contract for years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to Mullin and Lonergan Associates Inc.

Accept a motion to hire Owen Webber as a part-time police officer contingent upon successful graduation from the PA Act 120 Police Academy (early June graduation), a successful background check and a successful physical examination. It would also be contingent upon receiving a satisfactory certification exam administered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Accept a motion to authorize the service for the Alert's Fire Company Tower Ladder truck to be serviced through Fire Apparatus. Fire Apparatus will present a price quote.

Accept a motion to authorize the food pantry at First Primitive Methodist Church allowing the drive through distribution system.

Accept a motion to authorize Alert/Columbia Fire Co. to hold a boot drive in town on Saturday, June 24th.

The Borough Council would like to extend a thank you to the St. Clair Area School District, the Pottsville School District and the St. Clair Fire Police for placing the flags on veteran's graves at the cemeteries in the surrounding area.

Executive Session.

Accept a motion to pay all Bills and Claims properly approved by council.

Accept a motion to adjourn.